GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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POLICE REFORM COMMISSION
Mahato Shri Narahari

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Police Reform Commission, recently constituted by the Government has submitted its recommendations;

(b) if so, the salient feature of these recommendations;

(c) whether the Government has accepted all the recommendations;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, action being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(f) the total number of Commissions constituted for the reforms in police system alongwith the recommendation made by each commission and the funds spent on them till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (e): Recently no Police Reform Commission has been constituted by the Government. However, in order to have a re-look at the role and functions of the Police, Soli Sorabjee Committee was constituted to draft a New Police Act to replace the Police Act of 1861; Model Police Act has been drafted which provides for well defined duties of the police, responsiveness and sensitivity of the Police towards public especially the weaker and vulnerable Sections and accountability to the rule of law. The copy of the draft Model Police Act as framed by the Committee has been sent to all the States for consideration and appropriate action as `Police` is a State Subject under the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution.

(f): As Police is a State subject, therefore, police reforms is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Governments. In so far as Central Government is concerned, it had set up a National Police Commission in November 1977 which submitted eight reports during the period from February 1979 to May 1981 which were sent to the State Governments/Union Territories Administration for appropriate action. No details are available on the total amount spent on it.